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TO: ALL AFTERMARKET CATALYTIC CONVERTER MANUFACTURERS

SUBJECT: 2003 APPLICATION CATALOG FOR CATALYTIC CONVERTERS
OFFERED FOR SALE IN CALIFORNIA

In the past, manufacturers have submitted their vehicle application catalog in the form of computer printouts in lieu of a finished printed version. The Air Resources Board (ARB) has accepted them to facilitate the start of a test program for a Vehicle Code 27156 exemption application. Acceptance of computer printouts was done in good faith that manufacturers would publish the final catalog with the same information as the computer printout reviewed and approved by the ARB. However, it has come to the attention of the ARB that some manufacturers have been printing modified version of their catalogs by adding vehicle applications that have not been submitted to the ARB for approval.

Paragraph II of the California Evaluation Procedures for New Aftermarket Non-Original Equipment Catalytic Converters states that, "A vehicle application catalog shall be developed by the manufacturer to identify the specific vehicle applications by model year and engine displacement for each converter model. No change shall be made to the application catalog without prior approval pursuant to these procedures." Pursuant to this provision, please submit your 2003 or most current application catalog for ARB's review. Also include a copy of all brochures used by your distributors to market your new aftermarket catalytic converters. You are requested to send the catalog and sales brochures in time to be received by the ARB on or before November 15, 2003.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Paul Betterman, staff engineer, Aftermarket Parts Section, at (626) 575-6778.

Sincerely,

/s/

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